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ALLOTMENT OF COAL TO WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly requirement of coal for domestic and industrial consumption in West Bengal;

(b) the quantity of coal actually allotted to the State during each of the last two years till date, quantity- wise, rate wise;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to increase allotment of coal to West Bengal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): Coal demand is not assessed state-wise. It is done for different sectors of consumers based on projected demand. The total quantity of coal dispatched to the units in the State of West Bengal by Coal India Limited (CIL) during each of the last two years is given as under:-

(figures in million tonnes per annum)

Year	Despatch of coal to West Bengal
2004-05	27.454
2005-06	29.087

The quality of dispatched coal to West Bengal from subsidiary companies of CIL varies widely from "A" to "F" grade and accordingly the prices vary.

(c) to (e): Supply of coal is made on the basis of demand of consumers subject to availability of coal and transport logistics.